

California Native Plants

These natives provide food and shelter for our native wildlife, including native bees, butterflies, other beneficial insect and hummingbirds. Many annuals and perennials can be started from seed. Try planting seed in the fall to take advantage of our natural rainfall. Including native plants in your garden not only reduces the need for pesticides, but also reduces the need for summer water. If you are planting a native plant in the spring, you must give it regular water the first summer or two to develop a root system that will help it survive. After that, it should do well with little or no supplemental watering. This list is by no means complete but is a good place to start when planning your native garden.

PERENNIALS

Achillea millefolium (Yarrow)

Aquilegia Formosa (Crimson Columbine)

Armeria maritime (Sea Thrift)

Artemesia californica (CA Sagebrush)

Artemesia ludoviciana (Silver Wormwood)

Asarum caudatum (Wild Ginger)

Erigeron glaucus (Beach Aster)

Galvesia speciosa (Island Bush Snapdragon)

Heuchera – some (Coral Bells)

Iris douglasiana (Douglas Iris)

Iris Pacific Coast

Lupinus polyphyllus (Lupine)

Mimulus (Monkey Flower)

Penstemon heterophyllus (Beard Tongue)

Salvia apiana (White Sage)

Salvia clevelandii (Fragrant Sage)

Salvia spathacea (Crimson Sage)

Satureja douglasii (Yerba Buena)

Thalictrum occidentale (Meadow Rue)

Trichostema lanatum (Woolly Blue Curly)

ANNUALS

Clarkia purpurea (Godetia)

Collinsia heterophylla (Chinese Houses)

Eschscholzia californica (CA Poppy)

Eschscholzia caespitosa (Tufted Poppy)

Gilia tricolor (Bird's Eyes)

Nemophila maculata (Five Spot Nemophila)

Nemophila menziesii (Baby Blue Eyes)



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GRASSES

Carex pansa (CA Meadow Sedge)
Festuca californica (CA Fescue)
Leymus condensatus (Lyme Grass)
Muhlenbergia rigens (Deer Grass)
Nassella pulchra (Purple Needle Grass)

VINES

Aristolochia californica (Dutchman's Pipe)
Vitis californica (CA Grape)

SHRUBS

Arctostaphylos-many (Manzanita)
Baccharis pilularis (Coyote Bush)
Calycanthus occidentalis (Spice Bush)
Carpentaria californica (Bush Anemone)
Ceanothus-many (Wild Lilac)
Cercis occidentalis (Western Redbud)
Cornus stolonifera (Redtwig)
Dendromecon harfordii (Bush Poppy)
Eriogonum-many (Buckwheat)
Fremontodendron (Flannel Bush)
Garrya (Silk Tassel)
Gaultheria shallon (Salal)
Heteromeles arbutifolia (Toyon)
Lupinus arboreus (Lupine)
Mahonia (Oregon Grape)
Myrica californica (Pacific Wax Myrtle)
Rhamnus californica (Coffee Berry)

Rhododendron occidentales(Western Azalea)
Rhus integrifolia (Lemonade Berry)
Ribes-several (Currant)
Romneya coulteri (Matilija Poppy)
Rosa californica (CA Rose)
Sambucus- some (Elderberry)
Spiraea douglasii (Bridal Wreath)
Syphoricarpus alba (Common Snowberry)
Vaccinum ovatum (Huckleberry)

TREES

Acer circinatum (Vine Maple)
Acer macrophyllum (Bigleaf Maple)
Aesculus californica (CA Buckeye)
Cornus nuttalli (Western Dogwood)
Quercus-many (Oak)
Umbellularia californica (CA Bay)

FERNS

Adiantum capillus-veneris (Maiden Fern)
Athyrium filix-femina (Lady Fern)
Polystichum munitum (Western Sword Fern)
Woodwardia fimbriata (Giant Chain Fern)